## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JOHN A. ERLANDSON and JAMES IAN NORRIS, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

TRITERRAS, INC. (f/k/a NETFIN HOLDCO), NETFIN ACQUISITION CORP., TRITERRAS FINTECH PTE. LTD., MVR NETFIN LLC, RICHARD MAURER, MARAT ROSENBERG, VADIM KOMISSAROV, GERALD PASCALE, SRINIVAS KONERU, JAMES H. GROH, ALVIN TAN, JOHN A. GALANI, MATTHEW RICHARDS, VANESSA SLOWEY and KENNETH STRATTON,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 7:20-cv-10795-CS

## **CLASS ACTION**

[PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE

**EXHIBIT A** 

WHEREAS, an action is pending before this Court entitled *Erlandson v. Triterras, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 7:20-cv-10795-CS ("Litigation");

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs having made application, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), for an order preliminarily approving the Settlement of this Litigation, in accordance with a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated as of April 27, 2022 ("Stipulation"), which, together with the Exhibits annexed thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed Settlement of the Litigation and for dismissal of the Litigation with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth therein; and the Court having read and considered the Stipulation and the Exhibits annexed thereto; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined, all terms used herein have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation.

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Court has reviewed the Stipulation and preliminarily approves the Settlement set forth therein as fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing described below.
- 2. Pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for purposes of this Settlement only, the Litigation is hereby preliminarily certified as a class action on behalf of all Persons who purchased or otherwise acquired Triterras Class A common stock or warrants from June 29, 2020 to and including January 14, 2021. Excluded from the Class are Defendants and their families, officers, affiliates, entities in which they have or had a controlling interest, and the legal representatives, heirs, successors-in-interest or assigns of any such excluded party.

- 3. Also excluded from the Class are Persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class pursuant to the requirements described below and in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice") to be sent to Class Members pursuant to this Order.
- 4. The Court finds, for the purposes of the Settlement only, that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the Class is so numerous that joinder of all Class Members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Class; (c) Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the Class; (d) Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Class's interests and will continue to do so; (e) questions of law and fact common to Class Members predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class Members; and (f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
- 5. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, Plaintiffs are preliminarily certified as Class representatives and Lead Counsel Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP is preliminarily certified as Class counsel.
- 6. The Court preliminarily finds that the proposed Settlement should be approved as:
  (i) the result of serious, extensive arm's-length and non-collusive negotiations; (ii) falling within a range of reasonableness which warrants final approval; (iii) having no obvious deficiencies; and (iv) warranting notice of the proposed Settlement to Class Members and further consideration of the Settlement at the fairness hearing described below.
  - 7. A hearing ("Settlement Hearing") shall be held before this Court on September 6, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. at the United States District Court for the Southern District

of New York, The Honorable Charles L. Brieant Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601-4150, to determine: whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class and should be approved; whether the proposed Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice, as provided under the Stipulation, should be entered; whether the proposed Plan of Allocation is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved; whether the Class should be finally certified for purposes of the Settlement only; whether Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel should be finally appointed as Class representatives and Class counsel, respectively, for purposes of the Settlement only; the amount of fees and expenses that should be awarded to Lead Counsel; the amount to be awarded to Plaintiffs; and such other matters relating to this Settlement as may properly be before the Court. The Court may hold the Settlement Hearing by telephone or other means, including by using videoconferencing technology, and may adjourn the Settlement Hearing without further notice to Class Members.

8. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice, the Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim"), and Summary Notice, annexed hereto as Exhibits A-1, A-2, and A-3, respectively, and finds that the mailing and distribution of the Notice and publishing of the Summary Notice substantially in the manner and form set forth in ¶10-11 of this Order: (a) constitute the best notice to Class Members practicable under the circumstances; (b) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to describe the terms and effect of the Stipulation and of the Settlement and to apprise Class Members of their right to object to the proposed Settlement; (c) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled to receive such notice; and (d) satisfy all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of

Civil Procedure (including Rules 23(c)-(e)), the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(7), as added by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Rules of this Court, and other applicable law.

- 9. The firm of Gilardi & Co. LLC ("Claims Administrator") is hereby appointed to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims as more fully set forth below.
- 10. Not later than **June 3, 2022** ("Notice Date"), the Claims Administrator shall commence mailing the Notice and Proof of Claim, substantially in the forms annexed hereto, by First-Class Mail to all Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort, and shall cause the Notice and Proof of

Claim to be posted on a website created for this Settlement located at www.TriterrasSecuritiesSettlement.com.

- 11. Not later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice to be published once in the national edition of *The Wall Street Journal* and once over a national newswire service.
- 12. At least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, Lead Counsel shall serve on Defendants' Counsel and file with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such mailing and publishing.
- 13. Nominees who purchased or otherwise acquired Triterras Class A common stock or warrants for the beneficial ownership of Class Members during the Class Period shall send the Notice and the Proof of Claim to all such beneficial owners within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof, or send a list of the names and addresses of such beneficial owners to the Claims

Administrator within ten (10) business days of receipt thereof, in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly mail the Notice and Proof of Claim to such beneficial owners. Lead Counsel shall, if requested, reimburse banks, brokerage houses or other nominees solely for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing timely and adequate notice to beneficial owners who are Class Members out of the Settlement Fund, which expenses would not have been incurred except for the sending of such notice, subject to further order of this Court with respect to any dispute concerning such compensation.

- 14. All Class Members shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Litigation concerning the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Class.
- Proofs of Claim in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Proofs of Claim must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the Notice Date. Any Class Member who files a Proof of Claim shall reasonably cooperate with the Claims Administrator, including by promptly responding to any inquiry made by the Claims Administrator. Any Class Member who does not timely submit a Proof of Claim within the time provided for, shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of the proceeds of the Settlement Fund but shall nonetheless be bound by the Stipulation, the Judgment, and the Releases therein, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel may, in its discretion, accept late-submitted claims for processing by the Claims Administrator so long as distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants is not materially delayed thereby.

- 16. Any Class Member may enter an appearance in the Litigation, at their own expense, individually or through counsel of their own choice. If they do not enter an appearance, they will be represented by Lead Counsel.
- 17. Any Person falling within the definition of the Class may, upon request, be excluded or "opt out" from the Class. Any such Person must submit to the Claims Administrator a request for exclusion ("Request for Exclusion"), by First-Class Mail such that it is postmarked no later than August 16, 2022. A Request for Exclusion must be signed and state: (a) the name, address, and telephone number of the Person requesting exclusion; (b) information on the Person's purchases, acquisitions and sales of Triterras Class A common stock or warrants from June 29, 2020 to and including January 14, 2021; and (c) that the Person wishes to be excluded from the Class. The Request for Exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information and is made within the time stated above, or the exclusion is otherwise accepted by the Court. All Persons who submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion in the manner set forth in this paragraph shall have no rights under the Stipulation, shall not share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall not be bound by the Stipulation or any final judgment.
- 18. Any Person who is excluded from the Class by virtue of having submitted a valid and timely Request for Exclusion may, at any point up to three (3) days before the Settlement Hearing, submit a written revocation of Request for Exclusion following the same instructions in ¶17 above.
- 19. Any Class Member who does not request exclusion may appear and show cause why the proposed Settlement of the Litigation should or should not be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, why a judgment should or should not be entered thereon, why the Plan of Allocation

should or should not be approved, why attorneys' fees and expenses should or should not be awarded, or why an award to Plaintiffs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4) should or should not be awarded; provided, however, that no Class Member or any other Person shall be heard or entitled to contest such matters unless that Person has delivered by hand or sent by First-Class Mail written objections and copies of any papers and briefs such that they are received, not simply postmarked, on or before August 16, 2022, by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Joseph Russello, 58 South Service Road, Suite 200, Melville, New York 11747; and Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, Bradley J. Bondi, 32 Old Slip, New York, New York 10005, and filed any such objections, papers, and briefs with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, The Honorable Charles L. Brieant Jr. Federal Building and Courthouse, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601, on or before August 16, 2022. Any objection must: (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the objector and must be signed by the objector; (ii) state what the objector is objecting to, such as the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, the application for attorneys' fees or expenses in this Litigation, or Plaintiffs' request for an award under 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4); (iii) state the objection(s) and the specific reasons for each objection, including legal and evidentiary support the objector wishes to bring to the Court's attention; (iv) state whether the objection applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Class, or to the entire Class; (v) include documents sufficient to prove the objector's membership in the Class, such as documents sufficient to show the number of Triterras Class A common shares or warrants purchased or acquired during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase or acquisition; and (vi) identify any other class actions to which either the objector or their counsel has previously objected. The Court

will consider a Class Member's objection only if the Class Member has complied with the above requirements. Any Class Member who does not make their objection in the manner provided shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness or adequacy of the proposed Settlement as set forth in the Stipulation, to the Plan of Allocation, to the award of attorneys' fees and expenses, or to the award to Plaintiffs, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Class Members submitting written objections are not required to attend the Settlement Hearing, but any Class Member wishing to be heard orally in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses or an award to Plaintiffs must file a written objection and indicate in the written objection their intention to appear at the hearing.

- 20. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.
- 21. All opening briefs and supporting documents in support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and any application by counsel for Plaintiffs' counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses or for Plaintiffs shall be filed and served by **August 2**, **2022**. Replies to any objections shall be filed and served by **August 30**, **2022**.
- 22. Neither Defendants and their Related Parties nor Defendants' Counsel shall have any responsibility for the Plan of Allocation or any request for attorneys' fees or expenses by Plaintiffs' counsel or an award to Plaintiffs, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.

- 23. At or after the Settlement Hearing, the Court shall determine whether the Plan of Allocation proposed by Lead Counsel, and any application for attorneys' fees or expenses or an award to Plaintiffs shall be approved.
- 24. All reasonable expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Class Members, as well as administering the Settlement Fund, shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation. If the Settlement is not approved by the Court or otherwise fails to become effective, neither Plaintiffs nor any of their counsel shall have any obligation to repay any amounts incurred and properly disbursed pursuant to ¶¶2.6 or 2.8 of the Stipulation.
- 25. Neither this Order, the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by Defendants of the truth of any of the allegations in the Litigation, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or offered or received in evidence, or otherwise used by any person in the Litigation, or in any other action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal, except in connection with any proceeding to enforce the terms of the Stipulation. The Released Persons, Plaintiffs, Class Members, and each of their counsel may file the Stipulation and/or the Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.
- 26. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Settlement Hearing without further notice to Class Members and retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement. The Court may approve the Settlement, with

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such modifications as may be agreed to by the Settling Parties, if appropriate, without further

notice to the Class.

27. If the Stipulation and the Settlement set forth therein is not approved or

consummated for any reason whatsoever, the Stipulation and Settlement and all proceedings had

in connection therewith shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Settling Parties status quo

ante as set forth in  $\P7.6$  of the Stipulation.

28. Until otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court shall continue to stay all

proceedings in the Litigation other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms

and conditions of the Stipulation. Pending final determination of whether the proposed Settlement

should be approved, neither Plaintiffs nor any Class Member, directly or indirectly,

representatively, or in any other capacity, shall commence or prosecute against any Defendants,

any action or proceeding in any court or tribunal asserting any of the Released Claims.

29. Except to the extent the Settling Parties may agree to resolve through mediation

any dispute that may arise prior to the entry of judgment, the Court retains exclusive jurisdiction

over the Litigation to consider all further matters arising out of or connected with the Settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: May 20, 2022

THE HONORABLE CATHY SEIBEL

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE